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"An ex-general director of a German manufacturing company," says the Pittsburg Dispatch, "has been convicted and sentenced to imprisonment for violating the laws against monopolizing the markets." Would it have a wholesome effect upon the trusts in this country if Attorney General Knox would enforce the criminal provisions of the Sherman anti-trust law and convict a few of the head men of our American monopolies?

Work has been moving along smoothly and methodically in Circuit Court the past week. When Judge Anthony, the new incumbent, called court to order on the morning of the 17th inst., the docket was burdened with old as well as new cases and was somewhat confused, but he took hold of matters with a firm hand and soon had business moving. A good deal of work has been accomplished since then, and the Judge seems determined to clear the docket as far as possible and to expedite litigation. This will necessitate a long session, and cases have been set for trial in December and as far ahead as January. The bar appears to be pleased with the courteous demeanor and work of Judge Anthony, and everything augurs a successful term on the bench for him.

The long-suffering and patient taxpayer asks "how long, oh, how long before the Farmington asylum will be ready for business?"—Ironton Register.

Possess your soul in patience, dear brother Ake. There will be a nice, soft-padded apartment in the disturbed ward ready for you by the time the good tax-payers of Iron county decide to send you over here. But seriously, while the work on the asylum has not progressed as rapidly as the people have thought it should, and especially as the people of our town and vicinity have wished because of the local benefit the active operation of such an institution will be to them, there have been a good many unavoidable hindrances for which those in charge of the work have not been wholly if in any sense responsible. It is true that the other overcrowded institutions of this character may have been inconvenienced by the delay in not being relieved of some of their charges, but the taxpayers have not suffered so much thereby. The cost of maintaining their unfortunate ones in the other institutions has not been materially if at all increased, tho' a few of the Southeast counties may have had to pay a little more for transportation of patients to the more distant institutions. A good deal of the criticism has been of a carping nature and for political effect, but is not our natural American impatience over any sort of delay responsible for much of the grumbling that has been indulged in over work on the Farmington asylum.

## THE SENATORSHIP.

There has been a spasmodic suggestion of Circuit Attorney Folk of St. Louis as a possible candidate for United States Senator to succeed Senator Vest. It is exploited generally by those city papers which are not kindly disposed toward ex-Gov. Stone, in the hope that the situation in the Democratic caucus of the next Legislature may be disturbed thereby and carried off its feet in a hypnotic spasm of emotionable excitement.

The Republican papers, which certainly have no love for Mr. Folk, have very suddenly become his most ardent supporters for United States Senator, and the St. Louis Republic, for some reason, appears to be loth to openly meet and combat this Republican bush-whacking effort to create dissension in the Democratic ranks. In reply to some twitting of the Globe-Democrat it recently said it would be perfectly satisfied if Mr. Folk were chosen for that position; and the other day, in answer to a Globe-Democrat query, why it thought Gov. Stone a better man than Mr. Folk, replied that it didn't think so at all; that what it "thinks is that Mr. Folk is as well qualified for the senatorship as any man mentioned in connection with the office." That was certainly a stupid and evasive rejoinder, with-

out the virtue of either sincerity or courage.

All honest people throughout the State admire Mr. Folk for the honest, fearless and able manner in which he has discharged his duties as Circuit Attorney in prosecuting the hoodlums of the State's metropolis, and they are ready to hold up his hands and applaud him in the good work. But because a man has shown himself to be an honest and fearless prosecutor of criminals, that is no proof that "he is as well qualified for the senatorship as any man mentioned in connection with the office." He might prove a valuable public officer in the one instance and a flat failure in the other. The two positions require distinct qualifications and abilities.

Ex-Gov. Stone, Champ Clark and a half dozen other men who might be mentioned, have shown that they possess in a rare degree those elements of statesmanship required of a United States Senator, while Mr. Folk, if he possesses them—and he may—has never given any public evidence of the fact; possibly because he has never had the opportunity to exercise them, but for that very reason he cannot be expected to be as well qualified as they for the senatorship.

However, the discussion is without profit, for the Democrats of the State have pretty generally expressed themselves on the senatorial question, and the Democratic caucus of the next Legislature will reflect their sentiment in nominating Mr. Stone, and he will be elected, too. Mr. Folk sees and appreciates this fact, and is in no way responsible for the use made of his name and sudden popularity. He is not posing as a red-hot Cincinnati. He has a duty to perform, and he is performing it in a creditable manner, for which all good men honor him.

## OFFICERS APPOINTED

For Insane Asylum No. 4 at Farmington—When the Institution will be Open.

The Board of Managers of Insane Asylum No. 4 met at this place last Thursday and filled by appointment the following principal offices of this institution: Superintendent—Dr. L. T. Potosi. Assistant Superintendent—Dr. F. L. Keith of Farmington. Steward—Joe J. Hoeken of Jefferson county. Matron—Mrs. Margaret Gray of New Madrid. Secretary and Book-keeper—M. G. Gresham of St. Louis. Treasurer—Wm. N. Fleming of Farmington. This appointment was made two or three months since.

There were a number of applicants for each of the positions, and of course there were bound to be some disappointed ones, but the selections made by the board are generally commended and conceded to be as good as could have been made. Dr. Hall is a physician of unquestioned ability and skill, who has had a number of years' experience in the treatment of the insane at Fulton Insane Asylum. Dr. Keith is one of the best physicians of this section of the State, progressive, energetic and will take the liveliest interest in the affairs of the Asylum. Mr. Hoeken, the steward, is a first-class business man and manager, just the sort of man to look after the wants and needs of the institution. Mr. Gresham, we understand, is an efficient book-keeper, a young man of good character, and will doubtless keep up his end of the work. Mr. Fleming, the treasurer, is one of Farmington's most reliable young business men, who enjoys the confidence and esteem of everybody. No better selection could have been made for this place. We are not acquainted with the matron, but from the character of the other appointments we are sure the board made no mistake here.

Everything is ready for the occupancy of the institution except the superintendent's building and the "disturbed ward," and these are being pushed along as rapidly as the nature of the work will admit. There has been a good deal of outside criticism and complaint because the asylum has not been finished before this, but there are many things that contribute to delay work on public institutions that are overlooked in these criticisms. However, the buildings will probably all be ready by the time the State can make the necessary arrangements for a transfer of patients from the other institutions of this character.

In a conversation with Governor Dockery on this point, a representative of THE TIMES understood him to hold to the view that it is necessary for the Legislature to pass a bill authorizing a transfer of patients from the other asylums to the Farmington institution, and making an appropriation for that purpose. There is no money available now for the purpose even if the asylum were ready in all particulars to receive patients. The Governor was further understood to say that this would be one of the first things he would look after as soon as the Legislature meets in January, and that he would try to secure the passage of an emergency measure by that body with-

out delay. Hence, it may be about the middle or latter part of January before Farmington Insane Asylum No. 4 will be formally opened for the reception of patients.

## The Farmers' Institute.

The Farmers' Institute held in Farmington last Thursday and Friday was not a grand success as it has been in former years. It is a deplorable fact that the attendance of farmers at each session was so small that it seemed almost useless to call the house to order. However, the speakers were all well posted and entirely up-to-date on all subjects that were discussed. This writer was not present at the organization of the meeting on the first day, and consequently cannot write on the subjects discussed on that day.

On the second day the institute was called to order by the president, Mr. F. V. Ashburn, at 10:20 a. m., and T. B. Chandler was elected secretary. Prof. J. C. Whitson of the Agricultural College at Columbia, was the first speaker, and discussed "Pear Growing." He said that pear growing is especially adapted to Southeast Missouri, and recommends that a few pear trees be kept on each farm. Ridge land and not too rich is better for pear trees than bottom land or rich hill land. Dwarf pear trees should be set about 12½ feet apart each way, and standards 16 to 20 feet, and cultivated about two years in some low, hoed crop, such as Irish and sweet potatoes, or any similar crops; but he was careful about putting pear trees in gardens or putting manure around them, as it causes too rank a growth and then the blight germs strike them and your pear trees will soon be gone, unless you are an expert on fighting the blight. At the end of the second year you may plant your orchard to elover and keep it in sod continually.

As "terrestrial vigilance is the price of liberty," so it is also the price of a pear orchard; for if you fail to watch for and cut out the blight as soon as it appears it will spread from tree to tree and your whole orchard will soon be gone. The blighted twigs should be cut out carefully about two to six inches below the affected part and burned to prevent further spread of the germ. As the blight germs live in the twigs just below the affected part over winter, it is very important that pear trees be carefully pruned during the winter months by some one who has had some experience and is a good judge of the appearance of blighted twigs, etc. If a pear tree starts to grow a forked top, one of the forks should be cut off about 10 or 12 inches above the fork and this cause it to become somewhat stunted and become a common side branch.

If the trees under any circumstances grow twigs too long, cut off about one-third to one-half their length each year and thus prevent a top-heavy growth and an increase of the growth of fruit spurs nearer the main body. This will also help to prevent the trees from splitting down when full of fruit. The most discouraging feature of pear orchards is the "pear blight."

"Pear blight" is a ground seven-eighths of the trees of which died of blight; but they have not given up pear growing and have planted out another 40 acres to pears. As to varieties he said to plant as many Kieffer as all others, with a few Garber, Lincoln and some dwarf Duchess. All pears ought to be picked before they are ripe, with the stems left on. Let them cool off and put them into small boxes and place in a dry cellar. Be careful not to bruise them, and if you desire to keep the Kieffer and Lincoln far into the winter they should be wrapped separately in bits of newspaper, packed away as above recommended and looked at occasionally to see if any specimens are rotting, etc. Plant each variety in blocks to itself, and cut top off to within 2½ feet of the ground when setting trees out. Don't let trees over-ripe. Kieffer trees invariably over-ripe and must be thinned.

Dr. A. J. Detweiler, of the State University at Columbia, and bacteriologist to the State Board of Health, spoke of the causes of different diseases, their prevention, cures, etc. He stated that one-seventh of the people of the civilized world die of consumption, and that 90 per cent of all dead bodies examined in Paris either have or have had consumption. Also, that it is a dreadful fact to contemplate, that consumption is alarmingly on the increase, but that it can be largely prevented by keeping our houses better ventilated by day and our sleeping rooms thoroughly ventilated by night.

The best definition this writer has ever seen of consumption was given by a celebrated physician during the early part of the present year, and reads as follows: "Consumption is a House Air Disease." Now if consumption is caused by breathing and rebreathing the air that is kept shut up in the house day after day, then a grain of common sense teaches us to keep our windows open a little, day and night, summer and winter, and we will certainly live longer by so doing. Prevention is better than cure, and as there is no known remedy for consumption, prevention is all the hope we now have.

Most respectfully,

T. B. CHANDLER.

## OBITUARY.

Thomas O. Smith, an old and respected citizen of this county, commonly known as "Uncle Tom," was born in Jefferson county, Mo., on May 29, 1825, and departed this life at the home of his son, T. B. Smith, at Elvins, Mo., on the 16th day of November, 1902, aged 77 years, 5 months and 17 days. Mr. Smith was a former stock raiser and was widely known among stock men as a lover of fine horses. He was the father of eleven children, four girls and seven boys, five of whom, three girls and two boys preceded him across the Jordan. He united with the M. E. church before death. The funeral services were held at the residence in Elvins, and were conducted by Rev. W. L. English, aged 35 years, and weighing 100 pounds. Lindsey stands four feet and his wife five feet six inches. A FUNERAL.

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### THE ROCK ISLAND HOLD-UP.

Official Statement by General Manager Goodnow of the Rock Island Company.

#### ONE OF THE ROULEST JOBS ON RECORD.

The United States Express Company says their Loss Will Not Exceed a Thousand Dollars, But Other Sources Estimate It at a Much Higher Figure.

Chicago, Nov. 23.—General Manager C. A. Goodnow, of the Rock Island road, gave out the following official statement of the Davenport hold-up: "Our No. 11, leaving Chicago at 6:03 p. m., Friday, for Fort Worth, Tex., via Kansas City, was stopped about a mile and a half west of Davenport by a man displaying a red light."

"Five men compelled the engineer and fireman to cut off the mail and baggage cars and run them one mile west. The engineer and fireman were then compelled, at the point of revolvers, to go to the express car and open the door. The baggage man and expressmen were taken from the cars to the engine, and the cars were left to guard them and the engineer and fireman, while two blew open the Chicago safe of the United States Express Co. in the express car."

"All the contents of the safe were taken, the roof and side of the baggage car and express car were badly damaged. The train was detained two hours and ten minutes."

"The men engaged in this robbery all wore masks, dark clothes and slouch hats, and kept in the dark as much as possible, so from that cause and, owing to the excitement, our employees are unable to give any description of the men except that one was a very tall, slim, rawboned man, possibly six feet tall, and three were medium-sized men, rather heavy, and one was a short, heavy man."

"The police at Davenport and Rock Island were promptly notified and were quickly on the ground. The supposition is that the robbers left the road and went to the north, cutting through a corn field. The sheriff at Rock Island, with bloodhounds, was promptly on the scene, and every effort is being made to trace the robbers."

"The robbery occurred just outside the city limits of Davenport, and is the boldest affair that has ever taken place on this company's lines. There was no one injured. The railroad and express companies will offer, on account of this robbery and delay to the United States mail, a very large reward for their apprehension and conviction of the robbers."

At the offices of the United States Express Co., it is said that the loss to that company was not over \$1,000, and consists of four packages valued at \$50 each, a \$50 package originating at Rock Island, one package the value of which can not be accurately determined, and a quantity of Rock Island railway tickets.

The question of offering a reward for the apprehension of the robbers has been taken under advisement and the officials of the company in the east consulted.

#### OTHER ESTIMATES OF THE LOSS.

There are Those Who Say It Was From \$10,000 to \$20,000.

Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 23.—Local officers of the express company state that the loss in the holdup of the west-bound passenger train on the Rock Island system near Davenport at midnight, will not exceed three or four thousand dollars. On the other hand, it is stated at the local railroad offices here that the loss must have amounted to ten to twenty thousand dollars, as the train carried a large quantity of money and jewelry for Omaha and Denver.

The safe was a screw combination with time lock, one of the best the company has, and it is thought it contained an unusually large quantity of valuables.

#### ON THE ROBBER'S TRAIL.

A Tangible Clue to the Direction Taken by the Robbers.

Davenport, Ia., Nov. 23.—It has just been learned that men supposed to be the Rock Island robbers stole a team and wagon from Wm. Hohmer, whose farm was reached by a mile tramp through heavy timber. The robbers drove northwest on a run, and near daylight passed a farmhouse four miles away from the scene of the robbery. The farmer's description tallies with that of the trainmen. The trail is being followed hard, and hope is strong that the men will be caught.

The police here have arrested Richard F. Ridley and Luther D. Hayward, strangers, on suspicion.

"Joe" Letter Meets a Winding. Chicago, Nov. 21.—"Joe" Letter's December corn went overboard at Chicago, Wednesday, and he pocketed close to \$150,000 profit on the first, but of trade deal in which he has figured since he lost between \$10,000,000 and \$12,000,000 in 1897.

Madison and Matron Baby. Louisville, Ky., Nov. 23.—Frank Lindsey, the Kentucky mad dog, aged 12 and weighing 75 pounds, was muzzled at Nashville, Friday, by Mrs. Mary B. English, aged 35 years, and weighing 100 pounds. Lindsey stands four feet and his wife five feet six inches.

## Southeast News.

Joe Deguire of Madison county had his eye put out last week by having a splinter from steel strike the eye ball.

The Fredericktown Democrat-News has an eight-pound turnip. It was also presented with a pot of strawberry plants in full bloom.

Two hundred and twenty-five children received the rite of confirmation at the Catholic church at Ste. Genevieve on the 16th.

A large quantity of counterfeit money was found on the streets of Charleston one morning last week. No one knows where it came from.

Alexander Nifoug of Fredericktown died on the 15th at his home, aged 55 years. He was a native of Madison county and had lived in the same neighborhood all his life.

C. A. Kinnough of Kennett secured a divorce one day recently in the Circuit Court and at once took out a marriage license to marry a young woman at Paragould.

John Moonan, a laborer on a ditch being dug in Poplar Bluff, was caught under a bank of clay and mud on the 19th and was imprisoned for a half hour before he was rescued. He is in a very serious condition from internal injuries and is likely to die.

Steve Clark will be hanged at Poplar Bluff on December 19th for the murder of his wife. He was convicted last February and sentenced to die, but the case was taken to the Supreme Court, and the sentence of death recently affirmed.

#### Dastardly Murder in Dunklin County.

Mrs. Carrie Johnson was killed near Caruthersville on the 21st while trying to prevent some men pulling down a fence on her place. There were seven men concerned in it, two of whom are under arrest. The only witness to the killing is the five-year-old daughter of the murdered woman. The husband was at work half a mile from home in the timber. He heard the shots and hurried home to find his wife dead. The murderers are being strictly guarded as more violence is feared.

#### Obituary.

Died, in Hartford, Conn., November 12th, 1902, of abscess of the inner ear and rupture of a blood vessel, William Louis, son of James and Senora McLane, aged 10 years and 5 months old. Little Willie was a bright and affectionate child, loved by all who knew him. The remains arrived at Knob Lick November 16th, and after funeral services in the church were buried in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

#### Resolutions of Respect.

Hall of Samaritan Lodge, No. 474, A. F. & A. M. BONNE TERRE, Mo., Nov. 20, 1902. WHEREAS, Almighty God in his unsearchable wisdom has removed from this earthly tabernacle to the home not made with hands, our worthy and beloved brother, Marvin L. Keith, there to be with himself and enter into the reward of a consistent and virtuous life, and,

RESOLVED, that we bow in humble submission to the will of the Most High and with resignation bear our burden of sorrow, tendering to kindred and friends of the deceased our most sincere sympathy and condolence in their hour of affliction. Especially would we sympathize with the aged mother whose comfort was the founder and first Master of Samaritan Lodge and whose home was the cradle of Freemasonry and whose sons were reared and nurtured in the craft and have become noble successors to their illustrious father.

RESOLVED, that our chapter be draped in mourning and a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our records, a copy be furnished the bereaved family and copies furnished the press for publication.

H. D. EVANS,  
Wm. J. HOBBS,  
JOHN H. JONES.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

OF—  
Farmers' Mutual Fire and Lightning Insurance Co. of St. Francois County.

FARMINGTON, MO., Nov. 15, 1902. To the Board of Directors of the Farmers' Mutual Fire and Lightning Insurance Co., of St. Francois county:

We, your committee, appointed to examine the books of your Secretary and Treasurer and beg leave to report that we have examined the books and them correct:


RESERVED FUND.  
With amount collected on advance assessments \$579.21  
With amount in reserve fund at last settlement 70.48

Total \$649.69  
By amount paid on loss of N. J. Counts 20.00  
Leaving balance in treasury of reserved fund 629.69

CONTINGENT FUND.  
With amount collected of contingent fund \$139.99  
With amount in treasury at last settlement 28.76

Total \$168.75  
By amount paid out of contingent fund 103.99  
Leaving balance in treasury of contingent fund 64.76

Total in both funds \$814.35  
Respectfully submitted,  
G. E. KNAPP,  
GEORGE HICKER,  
A. M. WALLACE, Com.



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